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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS CONTRL AND THE AID TO PAKISTAN CONSORTIUM

1. FOLLOWING IS A STATEMENT ON NARCOTICS CONTROL WHICH WE
WOULD LIKE TO INCLUDE IN THE U.S. POSITION FOR THE DECEMBER 16
CONSORTIUM MEETING. ALTHOUGH WE REALIZE THAT AT MOST WE CAN
ONLY INTRODUCE THE THOUGHT ON DECEMBER 16, ON A LONGER HORIZON
WE HOPE TO ACCOMPLISH THREE THINGS: (A) TO CALL TO THE ATTENTION
OF OTHER CONSORTIUM MEMBERS THE NEED FOR VIABLE ALTERNATIVES
TO POPPY CULTIVATION, CREATED BY DEVELOPMENT, (B) TO ESTABLISH
A BROAD MULTILATERAL BASE WHICH CAN ASSIST PAKISTAN IN THE
POPPY REDUCTION EFFORT, AND (C) BROADEN THE EXTERNAL PRESSURE
ON PAKISTAN TO ESTABLISH EFFECTIVE ENFORCEMENT OF ANTI-POPPY
EFFORTS.

2. BEGIN DRAFT STATEMENT: "NARCOTICS CONTROL IS RECOGNIZED
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AS IMPORTANT TO PAKISTAN AND TO EVERY MEMBER OF THE CONSORTIUM.
THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS AND NARCOTICS CONTROL ARE RELATED.
PAKISTAN PRODUCES ABOUT 225 TONS OF OPIUM ANNUALLY, ALMOST
ENTIRELY FROM POPPIES IN THE NORTHWEST FRONTIER PROVINCE.
FARMERS IN THIS UNDERDEVELOPED REGION OF PAKISTAN HAVE NO
ECONOMIC ALTERNATIVE TO POPPY AS A CASH CROP. IN SPITE
OF EFFORTS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN ITSELF AND IN

COOPERATION WITH THE UNITED STATES AND THE UNITED NATIONS TO CONTROL POPPY PRODUCTION, THE LACK OF DEVELOPMENT INFRA-STRUCTURE, CREDIT EXTENSION AND OTHER ECONOMIC PREREQUISITES TO EFFICIENT CASH CROPPING HAS SERIOUSLY HAMPERED THE REDUCTION OF POPPY CULTIVATION IN THE NWFP. A COMPRE-HENSIVE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FOR THE NWFP WOULD BROADEN THAT REGION'S ECONOMIC BASE AND HELP TO PROVIDE FARMERS WITH ECONOMIC ALTERNATIVES TO POPPY CULTIVATION. IN CONJUNCTION WITH STRONG ENFORCEMENT EFFORT, WHICH WE RECOGNIZE AS ESSENTIAL, THIS WOULD REDUCE THE FLOW NARCOTICS INTO CONSORTIUM COUNTRIES FROM PAKISTAN. IT WOULD ALSO CONSTI-TUTE A SOCIALLY DESIRABLE ADDITION TO PAKISTAN'S DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY. WE URGE THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN IN COOPERATION WITH CONSORTIUM COUNTRIES, PREPARE SUCH A COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR THE NWFP, WHICH WOULD HAVE AS ONE OF ITS AIMS THE PROGRESSIVE SUBSTITUTION OF PROFITABLE AND SOCIALLY DESIRABLE CROPS FOR POPPY PRO-DUCTION. SUCH A PLAN WOULD PROVIDE A VEHICLE FOR INTERESTED DONORS TO LEND SUPPORT TO BOTH DEVELOPMENT AND POPPY ERADI-CATION EFFORTS. THE UNITED STATES STANDS READY TO HELP WITH SUCH PLANNING AND WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF INTEGRATED RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN POPPY-GROWING AREAS AND TO COOPERATE WITH OTHER CONSORTIUM COUNTRIES. WE HOPE OTHER DONORS WILL LEND THEIR SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE TO SUCH A MULTI-LATERAL EFFORT".

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3. IF THE DEPARTMENT CONCURS, WE WILL DISCUSS THE IDEA WITH THE GOP PRIOR TO THE CONSORTIUM MEETING.
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